

emblem too often, so I am submitting for your consideration a little design which has two crosses instead of the four, one to be placed in each margin on either side of the tablet. This margin could quite appropriately be narrower than the margins at the top and the bottom which contain the words already enumerated. The little design that accompanies this letter is drawn to scale. It is just half the size of the proposed tablet. You will see that I have indicated where the screws would be placed in the tablet, and the board on which it would be mounted.

We have all thought that the memorial feature should be brief and significant. The insertion of her name in full and the date of her death should, along with the words "In Memory Of", be the prominent features of the plate. If these features were brought out boldly, there might be inserted between them, in smaller lettering, the little record mentioned in the design, and which is descriptive of Isabel's association with the work at the Institute and of her connection with the founding of the Girls Own Club. We all feel that the duration of Isabel's service in the Institute being as long as it was, this feature might well help to afford a reason for the tablet being erected. The circumstance that she was one of the founders of the Girls Own Club and that the tablet is being erected in part by its members, would be a sufficient other feature.

Then it has seemed to me most appropriate that at the base of the tablet there should be inserted the little quotation from the eighth verse of the 56th chapter of Isaiah, "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning." There are two reasons which have occasioned us to agree upon this verse. The one is that this particular chapter in Isaiah was Isabel's favourite chapter in the Bible. It contains her conception of duty and service as one seeking to live a truly religious life would strive to attain them. The circumstance that the prophecy which Isabel cherished so dearly should have contained these words as the reward of one who fulfilled its teaching, and that her death should have occurred on Easter Day makes this sentence peculiarly fitting as one to follow the reference to her death: and this is the other circumstance which has caused us to hope that it may be found possible to insert it on the tablet.

I am enclosing two designs, one in typewritten form because my own writing is so poor, and the other in ink because it helps to bring out more accurately, so far as the spacing is concerned, the sort of relative position which the several words on the tablet should have. These, of course, are features which the designer will work out carefully himself. I do not think the number of words we are suggesting will be too many for the size of the tablet, or more than would be appropriate. Perhaps when you have shown the design to the engraver, he could tell you in a minute whether there were too many words, and whether the insertion of them would have to be in type so small as to be indistinct.

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